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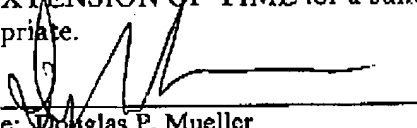
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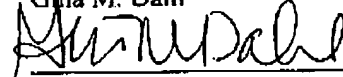
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Dear Sir:

Applicants provisionally elect Group I ("sulfonium", claims 1, 2, 4-13, 24-26, 30, 31, 34, and 35) in response to the Restriction Requirement of February 28, 2007. Applicants do not concede the absence of a "single inventive concept" as asserted in the Restriction Requirement. Applicants further contend that the requirement of restriction within a single claim is improper. See In re Haas, 198 USPQ 328 (CCPA 1978), which confirmed that requiring restriction within a single claim improperly denies an applicant's right to have an examination of the invention in the manner he sees fit. To the extent the issue were to be recharacterized as an election of species between "sulfonium" and "iodinium", the election of "sulfonium" would be without traverse.

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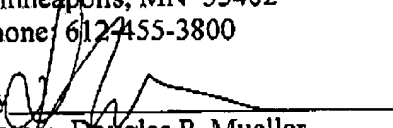
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